

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 remain pending in the application.

The Drawing was objected to on the ground that the reference character "42" was used to designate both the longitudinal seam and the occupant. Fig 3 has been amended to change reference character "42" to "41." The specification has also been amended accordingly.

The specification was objected to on the grounds that the Brief Description of the Drawing contained several typographical errors. These errors have been corrected in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. The specification was also objected to on the grounds that it failed to provide proper antecedence for claim limitations of "a denier of no greater than 1000 x 1000" and "a denier of no greater than 500." Applicant believes that since denier is typically expressed as a two-directional number, it was implicit that the specification's recital of a 500 x 500 denier fabric supported a claim of "a denier of no greater than 500" (i.e. in either direction). Nevertheless, in order to avoid any possibility of ambiguity, the specification has been amended to recite an embodiment with 1000 x 1000 denier fabric and the claims have been amended to recite a 500 x 500 denier fabric. Support for the amendment to the specification is found in the original claims and support for the amendment to claims 6 and 12 is found in the specification in the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 13.

Claims 1-12 were objected to on the grounds that in claim 1, line 8 "said fixed end" line 9 "said tongue portion, " line 15 "sleeve," and lines 16-17 "inflatable air bag member" were incorrect. Claim 3, line 4 "bag" should have read "bag member" and in claim 8, line 2 "a inflatable" should have read "an inflatable" and in line 5, "tube" was extraneous. Claims 1, 3 and 8 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

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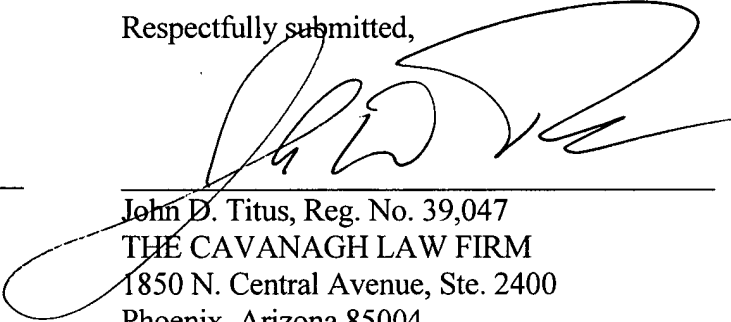
Claims 1-7, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Claims 1
8 and 9 have been amended to overcome the rejections.

Conclusion

No new matter is introduced by the amendments herein. Based on the foregoing, applicants
believe that all claims under consideration are in a condition for allowance and reconsideration of
this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Drawings:

Please amend drawing FIG. 3 in accordance with the redlined drawing FIG. 3 enclosed herewith.

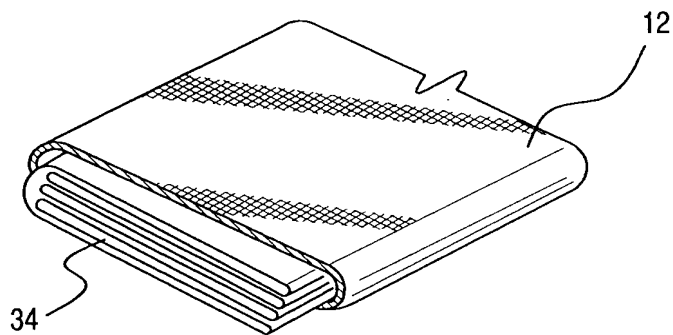
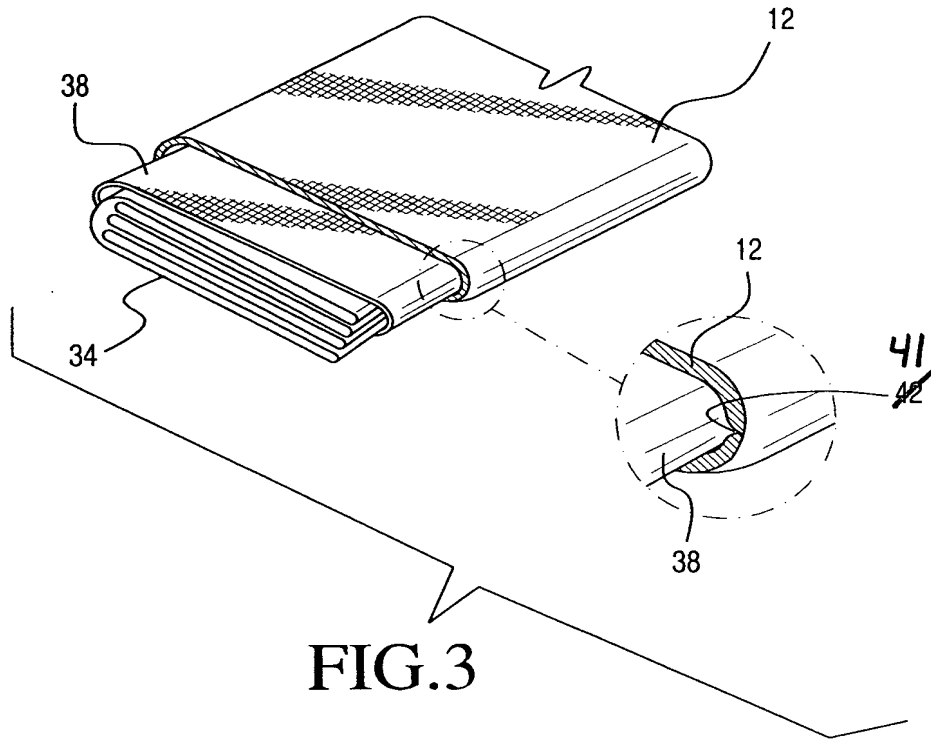


FIG. 4